

Free Clinic Celebrates Five Years

To celebrate five years of health services to uninsured Portland residents, North by Northeast Community Health Center will hold a celebration with live music, speakers and a barbeque on Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Garlington Center parking lot, located behind the clinic at 3030 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The event begins at 2 p.m.

Founded in August 2006 by Dr. Jill Ginsberg and Pastor Mary Overstreet Smith, the clinic has served over 5,000 local residents, who receive free medical visits and medication for conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure.

Medical care is provided by



Pastor Mary Overstreet Smith (left) and Dr. Jill Ginsberg, founders of the North by Northeast Community Health Center.

volunteer physicians and nurses at no cost and made possible

through the help of over 80 vol-

located to a newly renovated space in the Garlington Center, with an adjacent lot with a garden, which acts as a gathering place and a source for affordable and healthy fresh produce for patients.

"I've been working my whole life, but all of a sudden there are no jobs for a man over 60," said George Allen, a diabetes and high blood pressure patient at the center. "My sugar went real high after I lost my insurance and I didn't even know it. Since I've been going to North by Northeast my sugar and my pressure are both back down."

unteers and the generous financial support of the community.

Two-years ago the clinic re-

Concerts at Unthank Park

Portland Parks and Recreation will hold nightly concerts at Denorval Unthank Park in north Portland on Wednesday, Aug. 17 and Thursday, Aug. 18.

Local gospel choirs from Portland churches and incredible funk 'n soul musicians will perform and free dinner will be provided for anyone under the age of 18.

Portland's Emanuel Temple Adult, Children's, Youth and No-Kidding Choirs with Janice Hopkins will perform at 6 p.m. on Wednesday; Janice Scroggins and Linda Hornbuckle and the Divas of Soul will perform on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

The Week in Review

Rocky Butte Fall Deadly

A 16-year-old boy died Tuesday morning after falling from an 80-foot cliff at Rocky Butte the night before. A spokesman for Portland Fire and Rescue said the victim, identified as Austin Fisher, and another boy, drove to the site and were horsing around when Fisher fell.

Oregon Jobs Down

The Oregon state Employment Department announced Tuesday there have been only 400 additional jobs in the state since February, which followed a rise of nearly 23,000 jobs in the five months previous. The state unemployment rate remained stuck at 9.5 percent for July, which is a tenth of a percentage point higher than June.

Elvis Remembered

Fans of the iconic celebrity Elvis Presley honored his life this week at a vigil on Elvis' Graceland estate in Memphis, Tenn. It's been 34-years since the musician's death on Aug. 16, 1977. The anniversary of his death this year also coincides with the 55th anniversary of the release of his first albums.

Grandson Charged

A northeast Portland man accused of beating his 79-year-old grandmother with a baseball bat pleaded not guilty Monday to an indictment accusing him of attempted murder, assault and kidnapping. A trial for 30-year-old Syrelle Carl Turner was set for Sept. 27.

Talking Books Surge

The Oregon State Library, which has been lending books to blind and print-disabled residents for 42-years, said the number of book check-outs is up 19 percent from last year. The rise was attributed to new digital talking book technology.

Farmers go to the Web

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 83 percent of farms in Oregon and Idaho have computer Internet access, which is higher than the national average of 65 percent. In Oregon, 80 percent of farms report having Internet access, and 50 percent say they use their computers for business.

California Whale Dies

A 45-foot gray whale that delighted people for more than a month after taking up residence in northern California's Klamath River died Tuesday after beaching itself on a sandbar. The whale and its calf drew big crowds in late June where they took refuge in the fresh water while migrating north from the birthing grounds off Baja California.

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